

Birth Defects

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Common, Costly,
and Critical

Birth defects are common



Every $4\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, a baby is born with a birth defect in the United States.

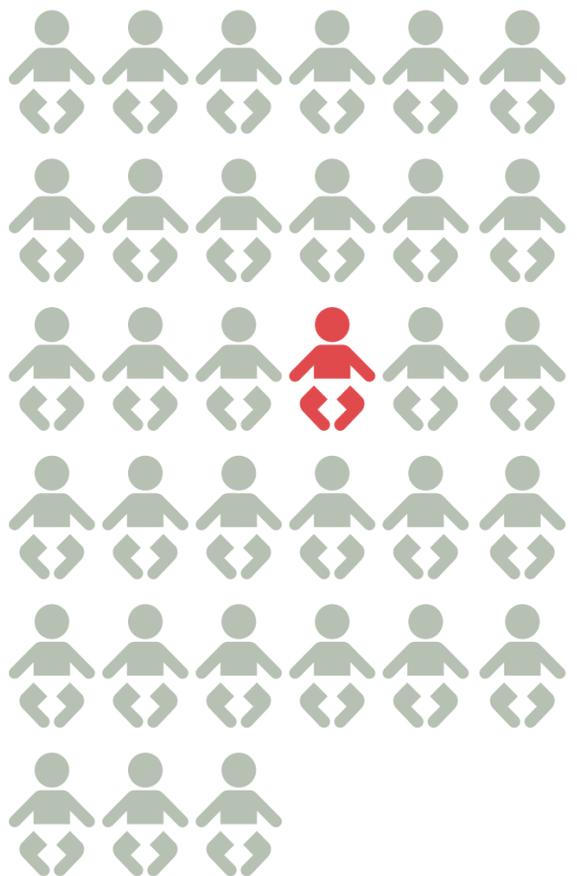
Birth defects affect

1 in every 33

babies born in the United States each year.

That translates into about

120,000 babies.



Birth defects are costly



Each year, total hospital costs for U.S. children and adults with birth defects exceed

\$23 billion,

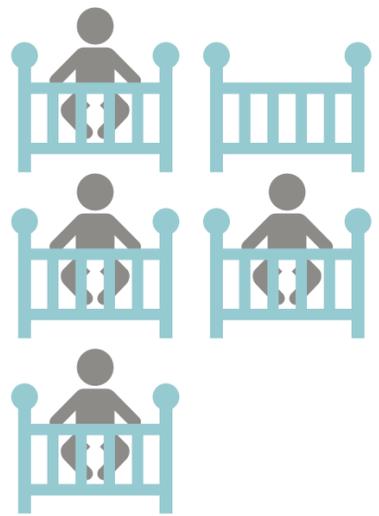
not including outpatient care or many provider charges.

Birth defects are critical

Birth defects cause

1 in every 5

deaths during the first year of life.



Birth defects are *critical* conditions that can cause *lifelong* challenges.



Birth defects affect us all.

What effect will you have on birth defects?

Learn more about birth defects:
www.cdc.gov/birthdefects



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